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In the Matter of:

Morgan City MS 38946

Post Office State ZIP Code

 POSTAL REGULATORY
 COMMISSION
 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Docket No: A2012-46

 Martha Mullen, Mayor
 _____, Petitioner(s)

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the Morgan City, MS post office. The Final Determination was posted October 4, 2011.
 (date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

PLEASE SEE THE ENCLOSED LETTER AND FOUR ATTACHMENTS.

**TOWN OF MORGAN CITY MISSISSIPPI
P. O. BOX 123
MORGAN CITY, MS 38946**

Martha Mullen, Mayor

Terry Nix, Alderman
Billy Haggie, Sr., Alderman
Bert Robertson, Alderman

Carolyn Branch, Alderwoman
Royce Moses-Nix, Alderwoman
Leslie Addison, City Clerk

November 30, 2011

Office of the Secretary
Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268

Re: Appeal of Decision to Close Post Office at Morgan City MS 38946
Docket Number A2012-46

Dear Secretary:

As Mayor of Morgan City Mississippi, and on behalf of our concerned citizens, I am writing to ask that you review the following points regarding our community and our Post Office.

- According to Google, a map of which is attached, please note that Itta Bena is 10.4 miles from Morgan City. Our citizens can currently walk to our post office for daily mail pick up and to take advantage of other features of the Post Office. We live in a very poor community and most of our residents cannot afford to drive to another town to pick up their mail.
- According to PS Form 1093-T, a copy is attached, eliminating the boxes in Morgan City would destroy the confidentiality, privacy and accessibility, among other things, that our citizens are accustomed to.
- Our elderly citizens depend on our current 911 addresses for medical assistance programs and for fast response from our local law officers. We want our mail to be delivered to the Post Office and not be confused with a 911 address.
- We have not had a permanent Postmaster since July 2009. Why has it taken so long to appoint someone?
- I have attached a sheet of the cost of box rental in Itta Bena and Morgan City. The amount for a same size box is higher in Itta Bena. Document 1373772-38946, Item 15, Page 2 says the rental rate is the same.

- Item 17, Page 2 spells out the cost of keeping our current Post Office open but does not show the cost to convert us to rural delivery. How do we know it is favorable to make the change? Are we being considered for closing solely for operating at a deficit? I have attached a portion of a postal policy which I need clarification on.
- There are more businesses in our community than were listed in the Final Determination.
- As stated in my opening sentence, I am the Mayor of Morgan City. We are incorporated and governed by a Mayor and a Board.

Our community has recently applied for and received grants for four new homes, improvements to our streets, improvements to our sewage system. We are currently awaiting to hear if we have been awarded a grant for more houses and a multi-purpose building. Morgan City is headed in the right direction for growth and we need our Post Office as a source of communication to the outside world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Martha Mullen', with a stylized, flowing script.

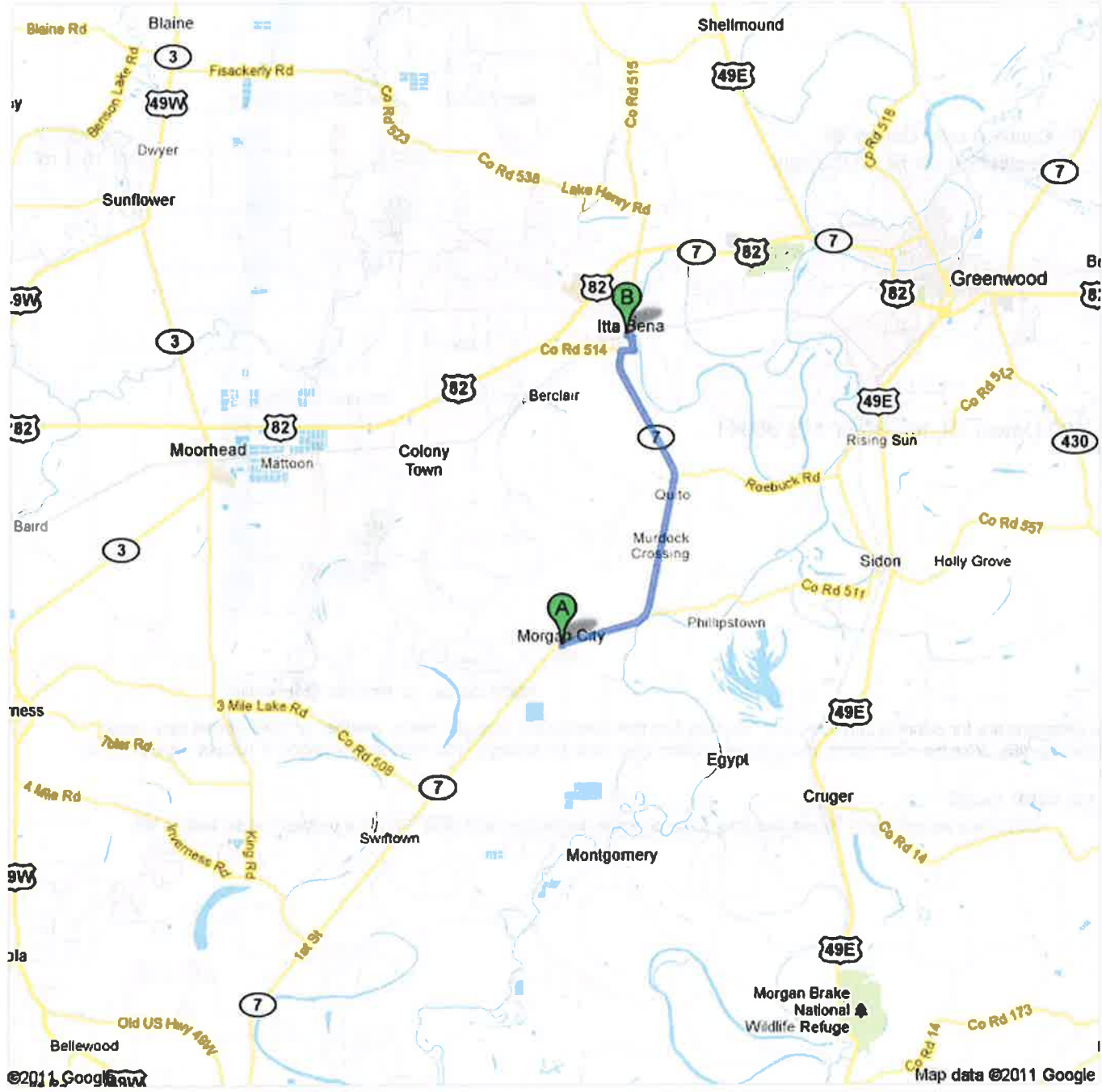
Martha Mullen
Mayor, Morgan City Mississippi

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Attachments



Directions to 100 Dewey St, Itta Bena, MS 38941
10.4 mi – about 17 mins

Save trees. Go green!
Download Google Maps on your phone at google.com/gmm









Directions to 100 Dewey St, Itta Bena, MS 38941
10.4 mi – about 17 mins



 **208 Delta St, Morgan City, MS 38946**

1. Head **northwest** on **1st Ave** toward **MS-7 S**
go 200 ft
total 200 ft
-  2. Take the 3rd right onto **MS-7 N**
About 13 mins
go 9.5 mi
total 9.5 mi
-  3. Turn right onto **Lakeside Rd**
About 1 min
go 0.3 mi
total 9.8 mi
-  4. Turn left onto **Basket St**
About 2 mins
go 0.4 mi
total 10.2 mi
-  5. Turn left onto **Humphreys St**
About 1 min
go 367 ft
total 10.3 mi
6. Continue onto **Dewey St**
Destination will be on the right
go 292 ft
total 10.4 mi

 **100 Dewey St, Itta Bena, MS 38941**

These directions are for planning purposes only. You may find that construction projects, traffic, weather, or other events may cause conditions to differ from the map results, and you should plan your route accordingly. You must obey all signs or notices regarding your route.

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Directions weren't right? Please find your route on maps.google.com and click "Report a problem" at the bottom left.

FREE TO SHARE YOUR OTHER ADDRESS™.

WITH A PO BOX™, YOU'RE IN CONTROL.

It's easy and affordable to take control of your address, your mail and your life with a PO Box™ from the Postal Service™.

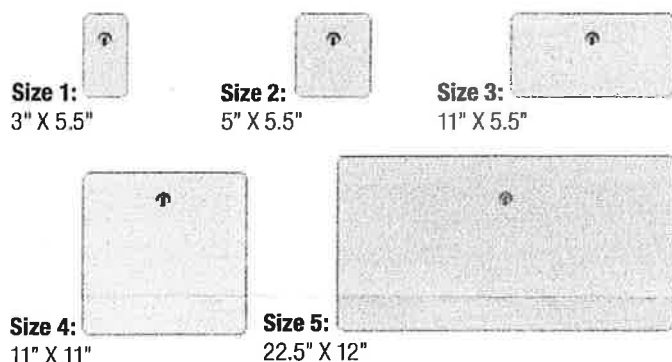
THERE ARE MANY BENEFITS TO HAVING A PO BOX:

Privacy: Your home address is just that — your home. With a PO Box, you can keep your home address private.

Confidentiality: Since you have the only key to your PO Box, important documents and personal communications stay confidential.

Efficiency: A PO Box makes it easy to separate business mail from personal mail.

Security and Accessibility: Control when and where you get your mail. Your mail and packages are secure until you are ready to pick them up. Many Post Office™ locations have extended business hours and/or 24-hour Post Office Box Lobby access.



Select the right size for your mail volume and schedule:

Across the U.S., Postal Service™ PO Boxes are available in five sizes. However, not all Post Office locations have every size.

Our smallest box (Size 1) fits 10–15 letter-sized envelopes or up to two rolled magazines. Start with a Size 2 box if you receive more than 15 mailpieces a week. Size 3, 4, or 5 is recommended if you receive magazines and catalogs.

It's easy to find a box that's right for you. Find an available PO Box by going to www.yourotheraddress.com.

If you need more room than our largest box provides, ask at your local Post Office about Business Mail Pickup (Caller) Service.

FEES

To find a PO Box in your area and get fee information, visit www.yourotheraddress.com. You may pay your initial PO Box fees online or at a Post Office.

THERE ARE TWO SIMPLE WAYS TO APPLY

Apply online: Complete the online application at www.usps.com/poboxes and make your first payment with a credit or debit card. (Online registration is not available for Business Mail Pickup (Caller) Service or Qualifying No-Fee box customers.)

Apply at a Post Office: Complete pages 3 and 4 and take this whole form to a Post Office most convenient for you. Once we verify your information and receive your payment, we will provide your PO Box address and begin your service.

ID REQUIRED

Whether you apply online or at a Post Office, **two valid forms of identification** are required when you obtain your keys or combination at the Post Office where your box is located. You must present the IDs at a Post Office. One item must contain a photograph and one must be traceable to the bearer (prove your physical address). Both must be current. Acceptable forms of ID include:

Photo ID Options:

- Valid driver's license or state non-driver's identification card
- Armed forces, government, university, or recognized corporate identification card
- Passport, passport card, alien registration card, or certificate of naturalization

Non-Photo ID Options:

- Current lease, mortgage, or deed of trust
- Voter or vehicle registration card
- Home or vehicle insurance policy

Note: Social Security cards, credit cards, and birth certificates are not acceptable forms of ID.

RENEWAL PAYMENTS

Renewal payments are due the last day of the month your service period ends. If your payment is late, you will not be able to access the mail in your box. After 10 days of nonpayment, we remove the mail, treat it as undeliverable, and close your box. You may also incur a late payment fee. Note that closed PO Boxes are available for new customers immediately, so late payment can lead to loss of your PO Box address. You may renew your PO Box online, at a Post Office, by mail, or at an Automated Postal Center® (APC®). It is your responsibility to pay your renewal fee on time. Convenient payment options are:

Pay online: Use a valid credit or debit card to make a one-time payment or set up automatic renewal payments at www.usps.com/poboxes.

Pay in person: Pay at the Post Office where your PO Box is located using cash, check, credit card, or debit card, or set up automatic renewal payments (available at most Post Offices).

Pay at any Automated Postal Center (APC): Find an APC at www.usps.com/locator or by downloading the mobile application at www.usps.com/mobile.

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Select a box size and payment period for the most convenient location. Each page below lists up to 5 Post Offices.

Note: Be sure to scroll down to see all 5 locations. To see more than 5 locations, go to the bottom of this page and click the next page number. Once you have reserved a PO Box online, you must go to the Post Office where the box is located and present your printed application form and [two forms of acceptable identification](#).

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Post Office - ITTA BENA

0.37 Mile

100 DEWEY ST,
ITTA BENA, MS 38941

Phone: (662) 254-9112
On-site parking available: Yes

Size ?	6 months	12 months	Availability ?
1 (3 IN X 5.5 IN)	<input type="radio"/> \$23.00	<input type="radio"/> \$46.00	Yes
2 (5 IN X 5.5 IN)	<input type="radio"/> \$35.00	<input type="radio"/> \$70.00	Yes
3 (11 IN X 5.5 IN)	<input type="radio"/> \$55.00	<input type="radio"/> \$110.00	Yes
4 (11 IN X 11 IN)	<input type="radio"/> \$110.00	<input type="radio"/> \$220.00	Yes

[PO Box lobby hours](#)[Business hours](#)

Special message: The above list indicates only the box sizes available at this Post Office. You may also select to be on the wait list for a particular box size.

Post Office - MORGAN CITY

0.02 Mile

208 DELTA ST,
MORGAN CITY, MS 38946

Phone: (662) 254-7253
On-site parking available: Yes

Size ?	6 months	12 months	Availability ?
1 (3 IN X 5.5 IN)	<input type="radio"/> \$21.00	<input type="radio"/> \$42.00	Yes
2 (5 IN X 5.5 IN)	<input type="radio"/> \$28.00	<input type="radio"/> \$56.00	Yes
3 (11 IN X 5.5 IN)	<input type="radio"/> \$50.00	<input type="radio"/> \$100.00	Yes

[PO Box lobby hours](#)[Business hours](#)

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39 USC Sec. 101

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TITLE 39 - **POSTAL SERVICE**

PART I - GENERAL

CHAPTER 1 - **POSTAL** POLICY AND DEFINITIONS

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Sec. 101. **Postal** policy

-STATUTE-

(a) The United States **Postal Service** shall be operated as a basic and fundamental **service** provided to the people by the Government of the United States, authorized by the Constitution, created by Act of Congress, and supported by the people. The **Postal Service** shall have as its basic function the obligation to provide **postal services** to bind the Nation together through the personal, educational, literary, and business correspondence of the people. It shall provide prompt, reliable, and efficient **services** to patrons in all areas and shall render **postal services** to all

communities. The costs of establishing and maintaining the *Postal Service* shall not be apportioned to impair the overall value of such *service* to the people.

(b) The *Postal Service* shall provide a maximum degree of effective and regular *postal services* to rural areas, communities, and small towns where post offices are not self-sustaining. No small post office shall be closed solely for operating at a deficit, it being the specific intent of the Congress that effective *postal services* be insured to residents of both urban and rural communities.